

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on January 30, 2009 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The reply fails to present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the newly presented claim 25 patentable over any applied references. Note that there is no mention whatsoever of new claim 25. See 37 CFR 1.111(b). Further, it is noted that applicant “traverses” the respective rejections of claims 5, 11, 21, and 24. However, no actual argument has been set forth and the only comment made is that these claims are patentable because of their dependency on the base claim (see page 12). Thus, while applicant allegedly “argues” the rejection for these claims, no argument, in fact, has been made and it appears that these claims stand or fall with the patentability determination of the base claim. If this is not the intent of applicant, then appropriate arguments must be made. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ernesto Garcia whose telephone number is 571-272-7083. The examiner can normally be reached from 9:30AM-6:00PM. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached at 571-272-7087.

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Examiner, Art Unit 3679

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